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HEAD CRUSHED BY ENGINE

Frank Samples Receives Fatal
Injuries Along Railroad
Track.

WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS

It Is Presumed That He Was Hit
By Train No. 36 Early Tuesday
Morning, As He Was Found
By a Passenger on That Train
a Short Time After the Train
Had Passed the Spot.

Frank Samples, aged 21 years, was fatally injured Tuesday morning presumably by train No. 36. His skull was fractured, and when found, he was in an unconscious condition. Samples who had been working on the pike road in the vicinity of the Zeb Clevenger store, and the last time he was seen in good health was about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, when he was passing the McCabe Lumber Company apparently going in the direction of his home just below the Poor Farm.

When train No. 36 passed by, there was no indication that any one had been struck by the train as there was no whistle nor no stopping of the train, but when Bob Jones, who had been a passenger on No. 36, walked down the railroad to his farm, he found Samples lying unconscious by the side of the railroad with a portion of his brains oozing out of a great gash in the side of his head. He quickly notified people living on the East side of the mill and the body of the unconscious man was carried to the home of his cousin, Wiley Samples, who lives in the first house east of the mill, where medical attention was given him, but from the first there was absolutely no hope of recovery.

Samples' parents are dead and he resides at his own place near the poor farm. He was unmarried and a nephew of George Samples, chief of Newport's police.

Samples lived five hours after being found, when death relieved him of his suffering.

BREAKS ARM FROM FALL

Rufus L. Scruggs Meets With
Very Serious Injury at
The Newport Mill.

Falling sixteen feet from the loft of the Newport Mill where he was making an effort to repair a light, Rufus L. Scruggs an employe of the Mill Company, suffered a broken arm. The loft is not ceiled and Mr. Scruggs was stepping from one joist to another when he fell through. His left arm was fractured at the wrist.

DR. MASSEY IN NEWPORT

Was Circulating Among the
Good Citizens Last
Week.

Dr. Zae. D. Massey, erstwhile candidate for congress spent Saturday in town shaking hands with the boys. The Doctor still wears a broad smile and from his appearance one would not think that he had felt the weight of the road roller at Chicago when the Sells people were recognized. The Doctor is either a man of a very happy disposition or else he is badly fooled, for he seems to be very optimistic about his prospects and even goes so far as to say that he does not believe that he will lose more than three counties in the district. He says that Johnson and Unicoi will most likely return small majorities for Sells and that he believes Washington county will give the present congressman a majority, although the Doctor professes to have friends who advise him otherwise. In the other counties the doctor does not think he will have much opposition, all of which goes to show that the Doctor is of an optimistic disposition.

McKELLAR ON T. R. PRESTON

The Tenth District Congressman
Makes Eloquent Plea for Nom-
ination of Chattanooga.

Jackson, Tenn., July 20.—Congressman K. D. McKellar, of the Tenth district, spoke here last night in behalf of the candidacy of T. R. Preston, of Chattanooga, for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. Mr. McKellar was heard by a large audience, and his address was interesting and effective. He set forth many capabilities of Mr. Preston for the governorship, and explained the back tax system, against the continuance of which Mr. Preston is making an aggressive fight. After pledging himself to support the democratic nominee for governor, whoever he may be, and making complimentary references to Gov. McMinn, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Tyne, Gen. Faulkner and Mr. Preston, the five candidates for the nomination, Mr. McKellar said in part:

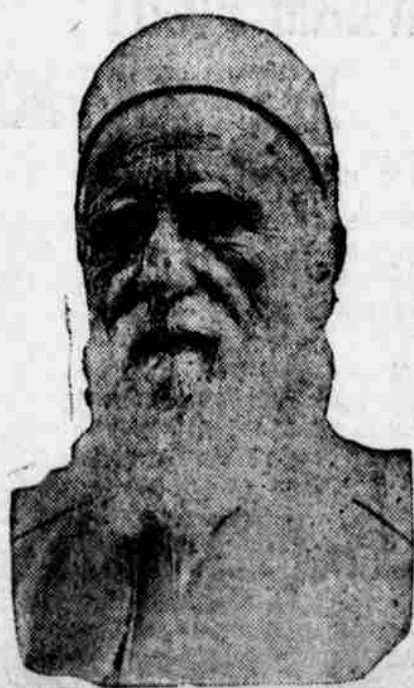
"There are several reasons why I desire to discuss with you reasons that have influenced me in making a choice between these five candidates, and when he is nominated and elected I will make an ideal governor of our great state.

"In the first place, in my judgement, the nomination of Mr. Preston means certain election. He is and always has been actively interested in the fortunes of the party. He has not allied himself with any faction of democrats in the state. He belongs to no ring. He wears no man's collar. He thinks for himself. He has an individuality that is admirable. He is not waging a factional fight. He has no friends to reward, and no enemies to punish. His idea is to bring peace and success to the party. He can not be distasteful to the regular democrats because he has always been a regular democrat. He is not distasteful to independent democrats because he has been fair towards them under all circumstances.

"I am earnestly for him because I believe he represents more particularly than any of the other candidates my position on what I consider the leading question in the state at this time the question of taxation. I have studied the question of taxation for a number of years. In the practice of my profession at Memphis I have had to study it. I believe I am familiar with the injustice and inequality of that system. I am unalterably opposed to the present antiquated system of general taxation in our state. In the next place, I am unalterably opposed to the present infamous system of back taxation in our state. In thus declaring myself I want to refer in the very outset to the argument I understand the back tax oligarchy in this state is resorting to to prevent the change in our taxation laws. They are going into the country counties in the state saying that the reason we want the back tax system changed is because we want to tax the country counties of the state and lessen the burdens on the counties where the great cities are situated. I want to say here and now that the argument is not only fallacious, but it is untrue, and under no circumstances would I ever give my consent to the addition of a single additional burden upon the county counties and the country people of the state of Tennessee, and I would give my

ABDUL BAH.

Leader of the Movement For
World Union of Religions.



PRESTON THE MAN FOR DEMOCRATS TO NOMINATE

The fight for the Democratic nomination for governor is now entering upon its last week. Of the five candidates before the people only two are considered to have a chance and these are Benton McMinn and T. R. Preston. Mr. Preston, while apparently unknown in state politics, has made a remarkable campaign and has made great headway. In fact it is now conceded that he will be right up in the race at the finish and many political experts say that he will lead McMinn who will be second by five or ten thousand.

Preston is a business man and not a politician. He has earned his bread by the sweat of the brow. He knows what it is to toil. He knows the sting and inhumanity of poverty. He knows the pleasure of honest success. He started out with nothing except a good name, which he inherited from his people and he had no powerful friends to assist him; no money to put him forward in the world of commerce and trade to which he aspired. He made his own way. Born in the country, he took life as he found it and made the most of it. He was never deterred by obstacle; he was never elated by success and with good hard common sense he continued the journey of life upward and onward, ever striving for the greater things. Such determination was bound to bring success and he has been successful in a material way. Such a man deserves the good will, respect and confidence of his fellows and he will meet with the same success in the high office of governor that he has met with everywhere else.

He was a good farmer boy and made a good plowman. He was a clerk in a country store and made a good clerk. He was a country school boy and made a good student. He was a bookkeeper in a country bank and was the best in the bank. He was cashier of a country bank and was a leader in the business circles of that community. He next associated himself with a Chattanooga banking institution and by his perseverance, his hard work, he became one of the leading bankers of that city, and the highest tribute that has been paid him is the fact that Chattanooga as a city is standing behind



HON. T. R. PRESTON

Mr. Preston's candidacy and this fact shows the good in the man. Practically every business man of Chattanooga and the farmers of Hamilton county have taken off their coats and rolled up their sleeves with the idea of seeing Mr. Preston the nominee. They have faith in him and during the past two or three weeks the Democratic voters throughout the state have learned something about the personality of the man who desires to be governor. It has been the custom of the past to nominate lawyers for this high office, but Mr. Preston believes that it is time for a business administration and he does not believe that lawyers, alone, should have assigned to them the highest political office of the state, forever.

Democrats who have been known as regulars believe that Mr. Preston can be elected if nominated. He is and has always been actively interested in the fortunes of his party. He has not allied himself with any of the factions of Democrats in the state. He belongs to no ring. He wears no man's collar. He thinks for himself. He has an individuality that is admirable. He is not waging a factional fight. He has no friends to reward and no enemies to punish. His idea is to bring peace and success to the party. He is not distasteful to the Regular Democrats because he has always been regular. He is not distasteful to the Independent Democrats because he has been fair toward them under all circumstances.

The vote in Cocke county will narrow between the two leaders, Preston and McMinn. It is merely a question with the voters which they will believe is the strongest against Governor Hooper. McMinn has been before the people for a quarter of a century. He has been a good old horse, but age has impaired his running qualities. He has not the magnetism of the young man. He has suffered defeat and with defeat came humiliation. He has been in the thick of every party fight and has left many sore places. He bitterly fought Bob Taylor in all of his fights but the last one. He was ever a bitter enemy of Carmack and even old Senator Bate had to fight McMinn in his last battles. By ever being in the thick of the factional fights in his party McMinn has weakened himself greatly, and the regular Democrats of the state who sincerely desire to see Hooper defeated can see no great hope of success with McMinn as the nominee.

Every vote polled for Faulkner, Tyne and Crabtree will be just one more vote for McMinn, as these votes will in the majority of cases be anti-McMinn votes. It is noticeable that here in Cocke county, Faulkner had some strength two weeks ago, but this support is now being changed to either McMinn or Preston, as the average Democratic voter does not care to throw away his vote when there is a fight on. The race in Cocke county will be close between the two leaders, with the friends of each claiming ability to amass the biggest end of the count at the finish. It is a question with Cocke county voters solely, whether they want Preston or McMinn for the nominee.

ROOSEVELT WILL EXPLAIN

Will Tell the People From the
Stage at Chicago Why He Is
Leading Third Party.

Oyster Bay, July 22.—From the stage of the Coliseum at Chicago, Col. Roosevelt, on the night of Aug. 5, will tell the country why he is leading the third party fight to get back into the White house.

The ex-president calls his proposed address his confession of faith. In it he intends exhaustively to lay down the principles for which the progressive contend. In it he also will flail President Taft and his backers for seizing a nomination by trickery.

Two days before the third party convention meets Roosevelt expects to be in Chicago to confer with his leaders over the situation confronting the party in the various states where the electoral problem has arisen. Before the convention is assembled on Aug. 5, Roosevelt believes the ripple on the surface will be smoothed down so that every state will know how to proceed in the scramble to get the Roosevelt electors before the voters.

The colonel is working now on the proclamation of principles to be enunciated before the convention. He spoke of it today as an embracing recital of the spirit of progressivism, dealing with the tariff, regulation of corporations, the high cost of living, judicial decisions, recall—everything for which the party will fight in the fall campaign.

Roosevelt's manifesto promises to be more comprehensive even than the platform of the third party, inasmuch as it will deal with the whole political economic crisis as he sees it. An attack upon the platform of the Republican and Democratic parties will be a feature of it. Roosevelt contends that both platforms are sadly lacking and he intends to pick them apart.

The colonel intends to send to the various states where primary scraps are to occur, before the convention, letters putting forth his view of the situation. This he will do in the hope of favorably influencing the nominating of electors. The letters will take place of speeches he intended to deliver on the now abandoned western trip.

The ex-president voiced his idea of what the third party fight means to the country when he talked today with Ralph C. Otis of Illinois, chairman of the committee on arrangement of the third party convention, and Day McNary, another of the Roosevelt Illinois workers. Otis went to Sagamore Hill to break the news to the colonel that Illinois is waking up to the strength of the third party move.

"You have a tremendous following in Illinois, and it is increasing every day," quoth Otis. "Among the farmers and the wage earners I find that there is hostility to Woodrow Wilson because of the impression that he is too highbrow, that he does not understand the needs of the man who has to work for a living."

"The farmer has no use for President Taft, neither has the wage earner. Now, what the progressive party must do, if it is to get the support of the fellow who has to make his way through the world by his own toil, is to convince him what it means to work in his interest."

"Every man wants to see the cor-

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CAPTAIN E. H. TILLMAN.

Naval Officer Commanding
the Training Ship Newport.



WARM FIGHT NEAR AN END

Politics Are At a White
Heat in Cocke
County.

MANY NAMES ON TICKET

Every District Has An Unusually
Large Number Making the Race
for Magistrate—Much Interest
Being Manifest in the Fight in
the Newport District for All
Offices.

It is but a week until the August election, and from all indications it will be a lively week. Saturday was the last day for entrants into the election and from all reports there are more candidates in the field than ever before. The greatest interest is in the race for magistrate throughout the county. In the Sixth district there are nine applicants for the four places. In the Knob country there are an even dozen applicants for only two places. In the Wilsonville and Rankin district there are eight or nine candidates, and there are equally as many entrants in the field in the other districts.

The hottest fight will be in the Sixth district, where there are six in the field for the district and three within the corporations limits. In the corporation the three running are Oscar O'Neil, H. M. Taylor and George Gardner. The first two named are Democrats and the last named a Republican.

In the district the six in the race are Dave Burke, Coonie Cureton, Y. J. McMahon, C. B. McNabb, Murray Stokely and J. W. Kyker. Cureton and Kyker are Republicans while the others are Democrats.

The Sheriff's race, too, is attracting considerable attention. It is a three man race with two Republicans and one Democrat in the fight. Sheriff Dawson is after re-election and Bob Dennis and Thornton Lloyd are contesting with him for the place. All three claim to have the edge on the other two.

Harrison Sexton has no opposition for re-election as trustee and Dave

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SANDERS GETS IN ON A BILL

Would Prevent the Shipments
From a Wet State Into
a Dry State.

Washington, July 22.—The senate judiciary committee today decided to report favorably the Shephard-Kenyon bill, relating to the shipment of liquors from "wet into dry" states. A portion of this measure was stricken out and a new section created by making the bill of Senator Sanders, of Tennessee the second section.

The second section, which is a bill introduced by Senator Sanders, is as follows:

"That all fermented, distilled or other intoxicating liquors or liquids transported into any state or territory or remaining therein for use, consumption, sale, or storage therein shall, upon arrival within the boundaries of such state or territory and before delivery to the consignee, be subject to the operation and effect of laws of such state or territory enacted in the exercise of its reserve police powers, to the same extent and in the same manner as though such liquors or liquids had been produced in such state or territory and shall not exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise."

J. TOM DANNEL HERE

J. Tom Dannel, a well known representative of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance company for Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, spent the last week in Newport in the interest of his company. Mr. Dannel hails from Rockwood, Roane county, and is the Republican nominee for the legislature in that county which fact assures him of a seat in the next general assembly.

Governor Hooper arrived in Newport last Friday and is spending some time with his family here.